



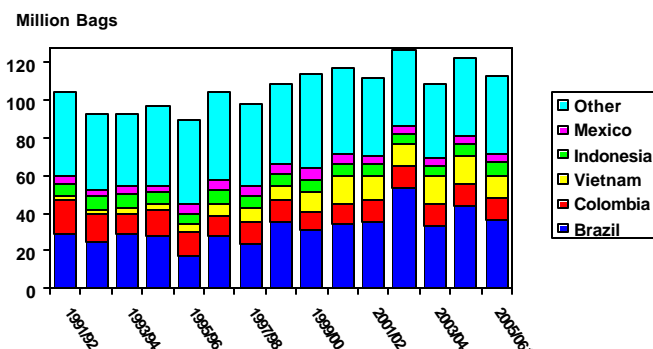
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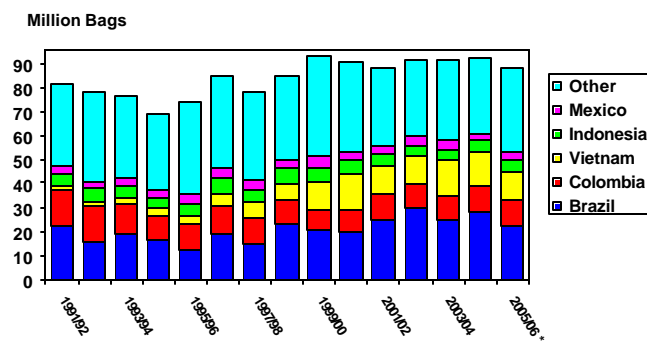
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**World 2005/06 Coffee Production Forecast
Remains Unchanged Amid Offsetting Adjustments**



**World Coffee Exports in 2005/06 Forecast
Lower—Top 3 Exporters Down From 2004/05**



World coffee production in 2005/06 is forecast at 113.2 million bags (60 kilograms or 132.276 pounds), unchanged from the first forecast made in June, but down 7 percent from the 2004/05 season. There have been offsetting adjustments to the 2005/06 coffee crops. Brazil's coffee production in 2005/06 is now estimated at 36.1 million bags, down 400,000 bags from the June 2004 forecast and down 7.5 million bags from 2004/05. Vietnam's coffee crop was increased 166,000 bags from the June forecast. Vietnam's coffee production in 2005/06 is now estimated at 12.3 million bags. There have been some decreases in the coffee crops in those countries damaged by heavy rains as the result of Hurricane Stan and other weather problems. The full extent of the damage is not known at this time. In addition to damaged coffee crops, there has been damage to the coffee infrastructure. Mexico's coffee production for 2005/06 has been lowered by 100,000 tons, to 4.2 million bags because of hurricane-related damage, especially in the state of Chiapas.

Total coffee supply in producing countries in 2005/06 is forecast at 139.2 million bags, down 4 percent from the revised 2004/05 level. All of the decrease is the result of lower production, as beginning stocks for 2005/06 are estimated to have increased 2.8 million bags from the previous year.

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